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Vincent DE LAFORCADE)	Group Art Unit: 3676
Application No.: 10/617,692)	Examiner: Unknown
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)	Confirmation No.: 3742
PACKAGING AT LEAST ONE)	
PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR)	
MIXING AT LEAST TWO)	
PRODUCTS)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement, to the best of Applicant's knowledge, is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

JP-09023857 was cited in a First Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the issuance of the First Office Action. Applicant has enclosed an English-language translation of the Abstract of JP-09023857 along with an English-language translation of the First Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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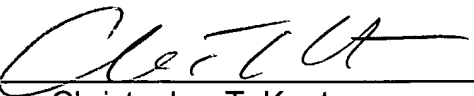
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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	English-language Abstract of JP-09023857, published January 18, 1997 (1 page).
	English-language translation of First Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office on July 23, 2004, in counterpart application (5 pages).

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